**Protection to domestic oil producers**

4126. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether traders are importing crude palmolein and RBD palm oil as non-edible oils to get benefit from the substantial difference in import duties; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to protect domestic oil producing farmers to get better returns on investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) The information is to being collected from the Deptt. of Revenue and its field formations to ascertain whether any such practices have come to their notice. The information will be laid on the Table of the house.

**Indo-Pakistan trade**

4127. SHRI M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present status of the Indo-Pakistan trade;

(b) the manner in which it has been beneficial for both the countries; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) The present status of India's trade with Pakistan is given below:—

(*Rupees in crores*)

| | 1999-2000 | April-December, 2000 (Provisional) |
|---|---|---|
| Exports to Pakistan | 405.35 | 606.54 |
| Imports from Pakistan | 296.74 | 235.18 |

(b) and (c) Both India and Pakistan have benefited from